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APPLICANTS: Prayaga et al.

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EXAMINER: Olga N. Chernyshev

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

- Response to June 9, 2003 Office Action;
- Copy of Statement in Support of Computer Readable Form and postcard submitted April 4, 2003;
- Three Month Extension of Time;
- Check No. 17665 in the amount of \$475.00 for a three month extension of time;
- Check No. 17671 in the amount of \$385.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for filing an RCE; and
- Return Postcard.

Pursuant to 35 USC § 1.114, Applicants herein request continued examination of Application No. 09/732,436. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request; 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. The submission provided herein is a response to Office Action mailed June 9, 2003 with a three month extension of time and appropriate fee. With such a timely filed request, submission, and fee, Applicants believe that the amendments should be entered and considered.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-615 (Cura-115).

Respectfully submitted,

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